

Monday, September 13, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10743–S10792

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1577–1580, and S. Res. 182. Page S10779

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–157) Page S10779

Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S10754–69, S10771–73

Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature. Page S10754

Hutchison Amendment No. 1603, to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a notice of rulemaking with respect to the valuation of crude oil for royalty purposes until September 30, 2000. Pages S10754, S10771–73

Bryan Amendment No. 1588, to make available certain funds, by reducing the subsidy for the below-cost timber program administered by the Forest Service and for the construction of logging roads in national forests, for other Forest Service programs including road maintenance, wildlife and fish habitat management, and for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species habitat management. Pages S10754–69

Bryan/Wyden Amendment No. 1623 (to Amendment No. 1588), to make available certain funds for survey and manage requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision. Pages S10755–67

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 40 nays (Vote 271), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to

close further debate on Hutchison Amendment No. 1603 (listed above). Pages S10771–73

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on or in relation to Bryan/Wyden Amendment No. 1623 (to Amendment No. 1588), to occur on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. Page S10767

FALN Terrorist Clemency—Cloture Vote: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 33, deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to the Armed Forces of National Liberation (the FALN) terrorists. Pages S10769–71

Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations—Additional Conferee: Senator Leahy was added as a conferee to H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Page S10786

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Slovenia (Treaty Doc. No. 106–9).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. Pages S10786–87

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting a report entitled “United States Participation in The United Nations”; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–56). Page S10778

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David N. Hurd, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Naomi Reice Buchwald, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: John F. Potter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2005.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

William B. Bader, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—271) Pages S10771, S10773

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10787.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2839–2848, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 287, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2681, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (H. Rept. 106–313); and

H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation (H. Rept. 106–314).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gibbons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congressional Award Reauthorization: S. 380, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H8103–06

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act: H.R. 2112, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions; Pages H8106–09

Lackawanna Valley Heritage Area: H.R. 940, amended, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8109–12

Fishermen's Protective Act: H.R. 1651, amended, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8113–15

Bikini Resettlement and Relocation Act: H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; **Pages H8115–18**

Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act: H.R. 898, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the “Spanish Peaks Wilderness”; **Pages H8118–21**

Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act: H.R. 1619, amended, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor; **Pages H8121–23**

Thomas Cole National Historic Site: H.R. 658, amended, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System (passed by a recorded vote of 396 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 406); and **Pages H8112–13, H8129–30**

Importance of Family Friendly Television: H. Con. Res. 184, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of “family friendly” programming on television (agreed to by a recorded vote of 396 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 407). **Pages H8123–25, H8130–31**

Presidential Message—United States Participation in United Nations Activities: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report on the participation of the United States in the activities of the United Nations during the calendar year 1998—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H8125**

Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives: Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Emerson, Young of Florida, Kaptur, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, Boyd, and Obey. **Pages H8125–26, H8128**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to provide maximum funding, within the scope of conference, for food safety programs at the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration. **Page H8126**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. **Page H8126**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Packard, Rogers, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Callahan, Latham, Blunt, Young of Florida, Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, Forbes, and Obey. **Pages H8126–27**

Agreed to the Visclosky motion to instruct conferees to insist on the higher funding levels for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program included in the House-passed bill. **Pages H8126–27**

Department of Defense Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis of California, Young of Florida, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Dickey, Frelinghuysen, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, Moran of Virginia, and Obey. **Pages H8127–28, H8129**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on Section 8113 of the House bill providing \$50 million to enhance United States defense capabilities against domestic terrorist attacks using weapons of mass destruction, and on Section 8114 of the House bill providing \$150 million to improve the protection of DoD computer systems from non-authorized access. **Pages H8127–28**

Agreed to the Lewis of California motion that the conference meetings be closed to the public when classified national security information is under consideration by yeas and nays vote of 388 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 405. **Page H8129**

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rogers, Kolbe, Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Latham, Miller of Florida, Wamp, Young of Florida, Serrano, Dixon, Mollohan, Roybal-Allard, and Obey. **Page H8128**

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees to insist on the higher funding levels for the programs related to embassy security included in the House-passed bill. **Page H8128**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H8129**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8101.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8129, H8129–30, and H8130–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

TAX CUTS AND THE BUDGET SURPLUS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings on the economic impact of certain tax cut provisions and budget surplus issues, after receiving testimony from James Gwartney, Chief Economist, Joint Economic Committee; James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, and Robert Greenstein, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Wayne D. Angell, Bear Stearns and Company, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings on the benefits of exercise for the elderly, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed fiscal year 2000 youth violence initiative, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on issues concerning the sinking of the USS *Indianapolis* and the subsequent court-martial of Rear Admiral Charles B. McVay III, USN, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 1051, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively. (Subcommittee will meet immediately following the 9:30 a.m. full committee meeting), Time to be announced, SD–366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1052, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94–241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to review the United States counterterrorism policy and the President's decision to grant clemency to FALN terrorists, 9 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on issues relating to educational readiness, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on issues relating to hate on the internet, 10 a.m., SD–226. Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business: to hold hearings on issues relating to grocery industry slotting fees (fees charged by the retailer that manufacturers pay to hold a certain amount of shelf space), and its effect on small business and the consumer, 9:30 a.m., SD–608.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the farm financial crisis, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on French and Austrian Banks and Issues Relating to Forced Labor and the Settlement of Insurance Claims by Holocaust Victims and their Heirs, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "The Failed Promise of the Corporation for National Service," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Trafficking of Women and Children in the International Sex Trade, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999 and to mark up H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the GAO Report: "Federal Wildlife Activities; Current Strategy and Issues Needing Attention." 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2737, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail; and S. 382, Minute-man Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: conference report to accompany H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; conference report to accompany S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces; H.R. 1551, Civil Aviation Research and Development Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Reformulated Gasoline (Part I) , 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing to Review the Department of Commerce's Plan to Terminate the National Technical Information Service, 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2466, Department of the Interior Appropriations, with a vote on or in relation to Bryan/Wyden Amendment No. 1623 to occur at 10:30 a.m. Also, Senate will consider S.J. Res. 33, FALN Clemency, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, September 14

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Go to conference on H.R. 2606, Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000;

Consideration of 1 Suspension: H.R. 1883, Iran Non-proliferation Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

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